

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Robert A. Snell et al.  
Serial No.: 10/530,919  
Confirmation No.: 9957  
Filed: April 8, 2005  
For: HIGH PRECISION MANUFACTURE OF POLYURETHANE  
PRODUCTS SUCH AS SPINAL DISC IMPLANTS HAVING  
GRADUAL MODULUS VARIATION  
Examiner: A. M. Schillinger  
Art Unit: 3774

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Dated: 12/29/08

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction/election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-17 for continued examination.

A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000.

Dated: December 29, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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